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MAKARIOS APPEALS FOR GREEK UNITY, SUPPORT FOR KLIRIDIS

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(TEXT) THE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE RELEASED TONIGHT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS TO THE GREEK CYPRIOT PEOPLE:

WITH HEARTFELT PAIN I FOLLOW FROM AFAR THE DRAMATIC SITUATION ON CYPRUS AND THE GREAT SUFFERING TO WHICH CYPRUS HELLENISM IS BEING SUBJECTED BY THE TURKISH INVADERS. BUT I FEEL THE PAIN MORE STRONGLY WHEN I LEARN OF DISAGREEMENTS AND SERIOUS EPISODES AMONG THE GREEKS WHICH, IF THEY CONTINUE, COULD REACH THE PROPORTIONS OF CIVIL SLAUGHTER.

IN THE FACE OF A NATIONAL CALAMITY, ALL GREEK CYPRIOTS SHOULD BE UNITED AND IN AGREEMENT IN FRONT OF THE SACRED ALTAR OF CYPRUS. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS DOES NOT EXIST. ONE THREATENS ANOTHER, AND ILLEGAL ARMED GROUPS ARE ENGAGED IN A STRUGGLE TO EXTERMINATE EACH OTHER.

I AM DEEPLY SADDENED BECAUSE DURING DAYS OF AN ALL-OUT STRUGGLE--A STRUGGLE FOR OUR (NATIONAL) SURVIVAL--PASSIONS AND HATREDS ARE BEING DISPLAYED AND A CONDITION OF SELF-DESTRUCTION IS BEING CREATED. I WARMLY BESEECH AND ADDRESS AN APPEAL AND SUPPLICATION TO ALL TO TERMINATE THIS UNALLOWABLE SITUATION. AGREEMENT AND HARMONY ARE DEMANDED BY THE TRAGIC MOMENTS THROUGH WHICH CYPRUS IS PASSING. THE UNITY OF THE PEOPLE IS A NATIONAL COMMAND.

GREEK CYPRUS IS BLEEDING FROM THE MANY WOUNDS INFLICTED BY THE TURKISH INVADERS. LET US NOT, BY OURSELVES, OPEN NEW WOUNDS. THERE IS NOT ENOUGH BLOOD REMAINING FOR OUR PHYSICAL AND NATIONAL SURVIVAL.

MY APPEAL IS ADDRESSED TO ALL--TO THOSE WHO LIKE ME AND TO THOSE WHO DISLIKE ME--BUT ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO SURROUND ME WITH THEIR TRUST AND LOVE. AS LONG AS THEY LOVE ME, LET THEM HEAR MY VOICE. I DO NOT WANT THEM TO TAKE REVENGE AGAINST THOSE OF CONTRARY OPINIONS AND POLITICAL REVALS. I DO NOT WANT THEM TO HAVE IN THEIR HANDS ILLEGAL ARMS OR EVEN TO TAKE UP ARMS AGAINST THEIR GREEK BROTHERS, OR IN ANY MANNER TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CREATION OF CONDITIONS WHICH, IN A VICIOUS CIRCLE, WILL LEAD TO INCIDENTS OF VENGEANCE AND REVENGE.

I REPEAT AGAIN MY WISH AND RECOMMENDATION THAT EVERYONE SUPPORT KLIRIDIS IN THE DIFFICULT TASK WHICH HE HAS ASSUMED UNDER TRYING CONDITIONS.

IN MY ABSENCE FROM CYPRUS, CONCLUDES HIS STATEMENTS, UNDER THE CONSTITUTION, MR. KLIRIDIS IS THE PERSONALLY AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE THE DUTIES OF PRESIDENT, AND IN THE EXECUTION OF HIS DUTIES HE HAS MY SUPPORT. I ASK FOR EVERYONE'S ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT FOR HIM.

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(KARACHI, PAKISTAN) -- PAKISTAN'S PRIME MINISTER HAS OFFERED TO
MEDIATE BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY TO HELP SETTLE THE CYPRUS DISPUTE.
THE PAKISTAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SAYS PRIME MINISTER ALI BHUTTO IS READY
TO FLY TO ANKARA AND ATHENS AT SHORT NOTICE. A STATEMENT ISSUED IN
KARACHI SAID BHUTTO'S OFFER IS IN RESPONSE TO A SUGGESTION FROM WHAT
THE FOREIGN MINISTRY CALLED AN IMPORTANT FOREIGN SOURCE.

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